

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 39-45, 48, 49, 52, 55-58, 60-69, 81, 82, 84, 85 and 89-92 are pending.

Restriction Requirement

The Action requires a restriction between the claims of Group I (39-45, 48, 49, 52, 55-58 and 60-69), Group II (81) and Group III (82, 84, 85 and 89-92). Applicant traverses the requirement, but provisionally elects the claims of Group I, reading on claims 39-45, 48, 49, 52, 55-58 and 60-69.

Traversal

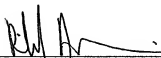
Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that at least the Group II and Group III claims share the same special technical feature, which comprises a membrane module comprising at least two dialysis membranes with a first space in between the two membranes and a second space external to the two membranes, as disclosed for example in FIG. 4.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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